

EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Date/Time Stamp:

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved. This form **must** be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: John P. HeekinEmploying Office/Committee: Senator Rick ScottPrivate Sponsor(s) (list all): Stanford University's Hoover InstitutionTravel date(s): April 12 - 14, 2022

*Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.*

Destination(s): Stanford, CA


Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

The fellowship program's curriculum, lectures, and speakers will enhance the traveler's understanding of complex domestic, economic, and foreign policy issues under consideration by the Senator and the United States Senate.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/ARelationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

3/31/2022
(Date)


(Signature of Employee)

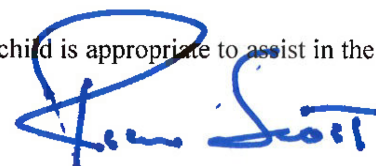
TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, Rick Scott hereby authorize John P. Heekin
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

3-31-2022
(Date)


(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Date/Time Stamp:

Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building**.

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☐ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**
☒ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Hoover Institution, Stanford University

Travel date(s): April 12-14, 2022

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING **DID NOT INCREASE** DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$510.04 Airfare	\$539 total: \$490 lodging total + \$49 tax	\$195.64 total	\$196.23 Ground transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate				
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): See attached agenda

4/22/2022
(Date)

John P. Heekin
(Printed name of traveler)

[Signature]
(Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

4/22/2022
(Date)

[Signature]
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)



March 1, 2022

Dear Jack,

We are pleased to inform you that you have been selected to participate in the Hoover Institution's Stuart Family Congressional Fellowship Program from April 12-14, 2022. This program includes seminars on Stanford University's campus, where Hoover scholars, such as Secretary James Mattis, Ambassador Michael McFaul, Amy Zegart, and Hoover Director Condoleezza Rice will lead policy sessions on some of the most pressing issues of today.

These sessions will challenge you to learn from and debate key philosophical and policy issues with some of the nation's leading thinkers and practitioners. As a participant you will receive round-trip airfare and ground transportation to Stanford University from Washington, DC, housing on Stanford's campus, and those meals that are part of the program.

To proceed, please confirm your agreement to attend by completing this form by the close of business on Wednesday, March 2nd. By completing this form, you agree to abide by Stanford University COVID-19 health and wellness protocols for visitors which can be found here. Due to ethics rules, to maintain your spot, it is imperative that you complete this form. Following completion, you will receive email instructions how to book your flight. Once your flight is secured, I will provide the remainder of your ethics paperwork for submission **to your ethics committee for review by Monday, March 7.**

Your submission packet will include:

- Traveler Form
- Private Sponsor Certification Form
- Agenda & Flight itinerary
- Copy of this invitation letter

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Victoria Guzman (vmguzman@stanford.edu). We look forward to and expect an excellent program.

Sincerely,

Sarah Delahunty
Senior Manager, Government Relations
Hoover Institution, Stanford University

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

- OR -

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

- OR -

☒ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

Hoover Institution, Stanford University solely planned all aspects of the trip including topics discussed, travel/accommodation logistics, and required paperwork. Hoover Institution staff will also accompany Congressional staff for all ground transportation and managing logistics for the duration of the trip.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

Stanford University is an institution of higher education which seeks to advance knowledge, stimulate creativity and solve real-world problems. As part of the University, The Hoover Institution seeks to improve the human condition... (Continued on separate document, please see attached addendum)

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

This will be the 9th Stuart Family Congressional Fellowship Program trip for Congressional staff organized by Hoover Institution Stanford University. The most recent of which was scheduled for April 2020 and canceled due to the pandemic. Prior to that, the August 2019 trip had a similar format & content.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

The Hoover Institution, Stanford University regularly sponsors educational policy panels and round

tables for think scholars, journalists, Congressional staff, government officials, academics, & the public,

and hosts programs and events based on their research for Stanford students and the public to attend.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	\$730.04 total	\$490 total	\$222 total	\$0
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$510.04- airfare + \$220 - ground transportation between campus, hotel & SFO			

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

The trip involves an event that is arranged/organized specifically with regard to Congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

In order to have a significant number of California-based Hoover Fellows participate in the event, we are hosting at the Hoover Institution's headquarters on Stanford University's campus.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Hyatt Centric Mountain View - 409 San Antonio Road Mountain View, CA 94040

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

The hotel was chosen for its proximity to Stanford University's campus and with respect for the per diem requirements.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Lodging and meal expenses are equal to the per diem rates for official Federal Government travel.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

The Hoover Institution Stanford University will provide coach-class, round trip airfare to & from

San Francisco and all ground transportation via shuttle between SFO, Stanford University & the hotel.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None.

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Sarah Delahunty

Name and Title: Sarah Delahunty, Senior Manager for Government Relations and Outreach

Name of Organization: Hoover Institution, Stanford University

Address: 1399 New York Avenue, NW Washington, DC


Telephone Number: 202-590-0768

Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: sdel@stanford.edu

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM
Stanford University's Hoover Institution
Addendum – Question 13

Stanford University is an institution of higher education which seeks to advance knowledge, stimulate creativity and solve real-world problems. As part of the University, The Hoover Institution seeks to improve the human condition by advancing ideas and prosperity while securing and safeguarding peace through world renowned scholars, library, and archives. This program relates to both missions by sharing Hoover Institution research with Congress and its staff to contribute to society.



THE HOOVER INSTITUTION IN WASHINGTON

STUART FAMILY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

April 12-14, 2022

All day-time meetings will be held in Annenberg Conference Room, 580 Serra Mall

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

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| 6:25 AM | Depart DCA via American Airlines Flight 2903/2039 |
| 10:59 AM | Arrive SFO |
| 12:00 PM | Depart SFO en route Stanford University
580 Serra Mall, Stanford, CA 94350 |
| 1:15 PM– 1:45 PM | Welcome Lunch with Hoover's Director of Institutional Programming Accessing Hoover's Research
Annenberg Pavilion
<i>Denise Elson, Director of Institutional Programming, will discuss how to access Hoover's research and attendees will meet with other senior program managers to discuss Hoover's research on foreign and domestic policy.</i> |
| 2:00 PM– 2:50 PM | Spies, Lies, and Algorithms
<i>Amy Zegart, the Morris Arnold and Nona Jean Cox Senior Fellow, will discuss the past, present, and future of American espionage as it faces a revolution driven by digital technology, as well as challenges that intelligence communities must confront in the 21st century.</i> |
| 3:00 PM– 4:50 PM | War Games Simulation
<i>Jacquelyn Schneider, Hoover Fellow, will conduct a wargaming exercise to demonstrate its role in international relations, how social sciences can guide its design and analysis, and future applications for policy problems.</i> |
| 4:50 PM– 5:45 PM | Hotel Break
Hyatt Centric 409 San Antonio Road, Mountain View |
| 6:00 PM– 7:30 PM | Dinner
Pacific Catch 545 San Antonio Road, Unit 34, Mountain View |



THE HOOVER INSTITUTION IN WASHINGTON

STUART FAMILY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

8:30 AM–9:00 AM

Breakfast

Annenberg Pavilion

9:00 AM–9:45 AM

Welcome with Secretary Rice: America in the World

Condoleezza Rice, Tad and Dianne Taube Director and the Thomas and Barbara Stephenson Senior Fellow on Public Policy, will discuss institutional priorities including: engaging with state and local issues; the Technology, Economics, and Governance working group; improving K-12 education; challenges posed by China and its advancement in digital currencies; foreign policy threats to America.

10:00 AM–11:00 AM

Economics 1 and Monetary Policy

John Taylor, the George P. Shultz Senior Fellow in Economics, will examine the state of the economy and share his research on fiscal policy.

11:15 AM–12:15 PM

Flashpoints: The Prospect for Cascading Crises in the Coming Years

H.R. McMaster, the Fouad and Michelle Ajami Senior Fellow, will discuss the geopolitical challenges to American interests.

12:15 PM–12:45 PM

Lunch

Annenberg Pavilion

12:45 PM–1:45 PM

Break

2:00 PM–2:45 PM

Library & Archives Presentation

Hoover Tower

Jean Cannon, Curator for North American Collections, to show Hoover Library and Archives primary sources including Joan Quigley's notes for President Reagan, WWII diaries, and Records from William F. Buckley Jr.'s Firing Line.

3:00 PM–4:00 PM

Inflation: A Modern Fiscal and Monetary Mess

Kevin Hassett, Distinguished Visiting Fellow,



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will examine the state of the economy and discuss inflation.

4:15 PM – 5:30 PM

Standing up to China's Global Sharp Power

Larry Diamond, Senior Fellow, and Glenn Tiffert, Research Fellow, will discuss strategies to confront and contain China's global sharp power.

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

The State of American Education

Margaret (Macke) Raymond, Distinguished Research Fellow, and Eric (Rick) Hanushek, Paul and Jean Hanna Senior Fellow in Education, to discuss their research on K–12 issues, including policy challenges as a result of the global pandemic

6:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Reception

David and Joan Traitel Building Terrace

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Keynote - Putinism

David and Joan Traitel Building Terrace

Michael McFaul, Peter and Helen Bing Senior Fellow, will examine strategies to defuse the current Russia-Ukraine crisis and the role of the Western governments in supporting democracies.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Breakfast

Annenberg Pavilion

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Government Policy and Shareholder vs. Stakeholder Capitalism

Joshua Rauh, will discuss how government policy is amplifying pressure on the private sector to pursue nonfinancial goals, and the possible courses that government policy could take given the rise of ESG investing..

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Learning to Lead: America on the World Stage - Virtual Session

General Jim Mattis, Davies Family Distinguished Fellow, on the role of leadership and the strategic dilemmas that our nation faces.

11:00 AM

Depart for SFO

1:57 PM

Depart SFO via American Airlines Flight 2023/222

Arrive DCA



APRIL 12-14 2022 SESSION

FINAL SENATE ATTENDEES

Andrew Fuentes	Legislative Assistant, Office of Sen. Dianne Feinstein (CA)
John "Jack" Heekin	General Counsel, Office of Senator Rick Scott (FL)
Suzanne Wrasse	Communications Director, Senate Foreign Relations Committee
Nicholas "Nick" Caron	Legislative Correspondent, Office of Sen. Maggie Hassan (NH)
Nicholas "Nic" Pottebaum	Health Policy Advisor Senator Chuck Grassley (IA)
Anna Devanny	Press Secretary, Senate Foreign Relations Committee (Ranking Member Sen. James Risch, ID)

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United States Senate

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

April 8, 2022

Jack Heekin
Office of Senator Rick Scott
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Heekin:

This responds to your recent correspondence requesting approval from the Select Committee on Ethics (the Committee) to accept an invitation you received to travel to the *Stuart Family Congressional Fellowship Program* in Stanford, California, on April 12–14, 2022, sponsored by Stanford University’s Hoover Institution (Hoover). Provided that you adhere to the guidance set forth below, it appears that it is permissible for you to accept necessary expenses from Hoover in connection with this trip.

Background

Based on your communication with the Committee, the background in this matter is as follows.¹ You are employed as the General Counsel in the Office of Senator Rick Scott. Hoover certified to the Committee that it will pay the necessary expenses² related to the travel and that it is neither a lobbyist, lobbying firm, agent of a foreign principal, or otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government. Although Hoover retains or employs a federally registered lobbyist or foreign agent, Hoover has certified that it is an organization designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code³ and that no registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal will accompany you at any point throughout your trip.⁴

Discussion

Privately-sponsored travel includes any gift of travel and travel-related expenses for travel outside the Senate duty station, including transportation, lodging, food and refreshments, and conference fees and materials, whether paid for directly, reimbursed, or provided directly, from a private individual or entity, in connection with a Member’s, officer’s, or employee’s official Senate duties. Incorporating reforms from the Honest Leadership and Open Government

¹ If this letter does not correctly recite the facts, contact the Committee immediately.

² The term “necessary expenses” has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics’ Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms* at 8.

³ 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3).

⁴ The term “any point throughout your trip” has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics’ Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms* at 2-3.

Act of 2007 (HLOGA), Pub. L. 110–81 (2007), Senate Rule 35.2 permits Members, officers, and employees to accept privately-sponsored travel only with the prior written approval of the Committee.

The Committee's approval process is governed by the *Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel and Glossary of Terms* (collectively, *Travel Regulations*). The *Travel Regulations* contain detailed requirements regarding who may sponsor travel; time limits for trips; and the type and amount of expenses that can be reimbursed.

Entities that do not retain or employ a lobbyist or foreign agent and all non-profit organizations designated as tax-exempt organizations under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, regardless of whether they retain or employ a lobbyist or foreign agent, may sponsor domestic trips for up to three days. The three-day limitation means three 24-hour periods, calculated from the time of arrival in the trip location to the time of departure from the trip location. For such trips, neither lobbyists nor foreign agents may accompany a Senate invitee at any point throughout the trip, other than in a *de minimis* way.⁵ This means that neither lobbyists nor foreign agents may accompany Senate invitees at any point to and from the event, at the event itself, or at the location being visited.⁶

Under Senate Rule 35, Senate staff must receive advance authorization signed by the Member or officer under whose direct supervision the individual works in order to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary expenses related to fact-finding travel. Further, such authorization and expenses must be disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate by filing the completed *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* and the *Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses* (Form RE-1 and Form RE-2), along with a copy of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form*, and all relevant attachments (e.g., the private sponsor's invitation and itinerary) **within 30 days of the conclusion of Privately-Sponsored Travel.**

Consistent with these standards and Committee precedent, Hoover's factual representations, it appears that it is permissible for you to accept necessary expenses from Hoover in connection with this trip, provided that the actual travel and travel-related expenses conform to the information and materials you provided, and the travel and all required documents are disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate (Office of Public Records).

Finally, Senate Rule 34 requires a reporting individual,⁷ on his or her Financial Disclosure Report, to make an annual disclosure of the receipt of payments or reimbursements under Senate Rule 35 from a private sponsor for officially-related travel expenses where, in the aggregate, travel expenses exceed \$415 from that sponsor during a calendar year. However, if a Member, officer, or employee properly reports the receipt of necessary expenses for such travel

⁵ The term "*de minimis*" has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms* at 3.

⁶ See *Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel* at 5; see also *Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms* at 2-3.

⁷ A reporting individual is someone whose salary equals or exceeds 120% of the basic rate of pay for GS-15 (\$135,468 for CY 2022) or is a political fund designee and is required to file Financial Disclosure Reports.

to the Secretary of the Senate within 30 days of the travel, as discussed above, the travel expenses need not be disclosed a second time on their Financial Disclosure Report.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee.

Sincerely,



Shannon Hamilton Kopplin
Chief Counsel and Staff Director

Enclosure: Travel Checklist